

## Executive Chamber,

Annapolis, Md., April 2nd, 1904.

The Board of Public Works met, pursuant to the call of the Governor, at 3 p. m. Present; The Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller.

The minutes of the meetings of March 23rd, and 30th, were read and approved.

On motion, it was ordered that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to re-employ a sufficient number of the present charwomen (just discharged by the contractors) to keep the Court of Appeals building in order, and that the Board of Public Works will see that these women are paid out of the contingent fund of the Board of Public Works at the rate of \$25.00 per month. This action was taken on the presumption that the bill authorizing the employment of charwomen by the State does not go into effect until June 1st.

On motion, it was ordered that the Bill of the Merchants National Bank for \$176.75 rent due by the Board for rooms 507 and 509 to February 7th, 1904, be paid.

Miss Katharine T. McDowell, former Clerk to the Board of Public Works, submitted to the Board a statement that a typewriter, her own personal property which she had used in her work for the Board, had been destroyed by the fire of February 7th, which burned the Board's office in the Merchant's National Bank Building. On motion, it was decided that Miss McDonnell should either be furnished a new typewriter or paid the cash equivalent of the machine destroyed.

Dr. Atkinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Vandiver, and carried. Whereas the records of the Insurance Commissioner's office were destroyed by the fire of February 7th, and 8th, and Whereas, it will take some time to complete the new report and secure new statements from the various companies, and Whereas, the time for the settlement with the State by the Insurance Commissioner is the first day of December of each year,

Resolved, That the Board will not take up the matter of the appointment of an Insurance Commissioner until a date in November next to be fixed by the Board.

Mr. Vandiver offered and Dr. Atkinson seconded the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Governor be instructed to see Miss Katharine T. McDonnell and if, after talking with her, he finds that she consid-

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ers she is entitled to pay for the months of February and March as Clerk to the Board of Public Works he is authorized to pay the same out of the contingent fund of the Board - carried.

Mr. Vandiver offered the following:

Ordered, That the Governor, as President of the Board of Public Works, is hereby authorized to require the State Auditor to report to him monthly what examination of accounts of public officials he has made during the month and the delinquents, if any, said reports to be submitted at the meeting of the Board next following their receipt. Seconded by Dr. Atkinson and carried.

Dr. Atkinson offered the following:

That whereas it is the universal custom among financial institutions in this country to pay for the surety of its officials, Therefore be it Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasury out of the appropriations of the contingent fund of the Board of Public Works for such sums as may be necessary to re-emburse the Comptroller and Treasurer of this State for moneys advanced on paying premiums on their bonds. Seconded by Mr. Vandiver and carried.

The meeting at 4 p. m., adjourned.

Oswald Tilghman, Secretary.

